

Dear Service Academy Candidate,

I'm privileged to nominate outstanding young residents of Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District to the United States Service Academies. First and foremost, thank you for your courage and fortitude in even considering this process; you're embarking upon an honorable adventure, and should be proud of yourself for your interest in serving our Nation.

Each of the Service Academies, except the Coast Guard, requires a Congressional Nomination for admission. If you'd like to be considered for a Nomination, please complete this application packet. Due to the large number of applicants, **all application materials must be submitted to our Dauphin County Office by close of business (5:00 p.m.), Thursday, October 1, 2020.**

I charge our 10th District Service Academy Nomination Board with helping me interview and select the top candidates. The Academy Board is comprised of active and retired Service Members from all branches of the military who feel as strongly as I do about this process.

Please know that an application for *Nomination* and application for *Appointment* are two different processes required for admission to a Service Academy. You must visit each Academy's website to start your Appointment application.

The application process to a Service Academy is lengthy and detailed: **DO NOT DELAY.**

Again, please remember that a Congressional Nomination does not guarantee your appointment to an Academy. The final decision for Appointments is made solely by the individual Service Academy.

If you have questions throughout this process, please contact our Service Academy Project Officer, Mrs. Jodi Marsico (717-603-4980 / Jodi.Marsico@mail.house.gov), for assistance. We're happy to help you. Again, thank you for your interest in serving our Country. I truly wish you well in this honorable endeavor.

Very Respectfully,



SCOTT PERRY
Member of Congress
10th District, Pennsylvania

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)

1. Contact Each Academy Early to complete its pre-candidate questionnaire. Before your interview, you **must** have applied to each Academy for which you wish to be considered. If you qualify initially, the Academy (ies) will send you application materials. Academies begin to evaluate applications in early September of the senior year of high school.

2. Know the Academies: Spend some time familiarizing yourself with the histories; i.e., purpose, lifestyles, opportunities and Honor Codes. If possible, set up a personal tour by contacting the admissions office or by taking a virtual tour. Academy summer programs are great opportunities for high school students.

3. SAT/ACT: We strongly encourage you to take these as early as possible, which gives you time to retake them as necessary to raise your scores. These scores are a primary method for Academies to evaluate candidates. For more information:

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

ACT: www.actstudent.org

www.March2Success.com is a free ACT/SAT prep tool provided by the Army and available to all students regardless of their interest in the military.

4. Meet All Application Deadlines: Due to the large number of applicants, your applications must be completed by the due dates. Deadlines for Nomination applications, Academy applications and ROTC applications are earlier than most other college admission programs, so start the process early.

5. Seek Nominations from More Than One Source: Every candidate who meets the general eligibility requirements for an appointment is eligible to apply to four nominating authorities; their US Congressman, both US Senators, and the Vice-President. Presidential and ROTC Nominations are other sources of appointments, but each has special eligibility criteria and application requirements so visit each Academy's website for details. Due to the competitive nature of the Nomination and Appointment process seek as many Nominations for which you may be eligible.

Hon. Mike Pence

Vice President of the United States

Note: Application must be completed online:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-pence/academy-nominations>

U.S. Senator Patrick Toomey

1150 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. / Suite 101
Allentown, PA 18103
(610) 434-1444

U.S. Senator Robert Casey

22 S. Third Street, Suite 6A
Harrisburg, PA 17101
(717) 231-7540

6. Practice Your Interview Skills: Take some time with a parent, teacher, employer or mentor; have them ask you questions and evaluate your demeanor during some practice interviews. A few practices go a long way in helping you feel more at ease, confident and able to communicate more clearly to the members of the Academy Nomination Board(s).

7. Letters of Recommendation: A good letter of recommendation is from someone who's able to comment on your leadership abilities/potential, adaptability to pressure, and your ability to work in a team environment, as well as your present activities, athleticism, extracurricular activity, etc. Much more important than WHOM you choose is what that person is able to write ABOUT you, rather than someone based solely upon their social standing, position and/or title. Bottom line: pick someone familiar with you who can attest to many facets of you.

8. Academy Night: Each year I host a 10th Congressional District "Service Academy Night." We invite representatives from each of the Academies and ROTC programs to meet with interested students/candidates from across the District. This year's events were held on:

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 (Postponed)

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Cedar Cliff High School

1301 Carlisle Road

Camp Hill, PA 17011

and

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 (Postponed)

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Central Dauphin East High School

626 Rutherford Road

Harrisburg, PA 17109

9. DON'T GIVE UP! Earning an appointment to a Service Academy is challenging. If your goal is to become an Officer in the United States Armed Forces, and you don't get there the first time, don't give up! Up to 25% of the cadets who enter each Academy class weren't accepted upon their first attempt. Improve your chances by continuing to improve your SAT / ACT scores, preparing yourself physically for the Candidate Fitness Assessment and taking advantage of any leadership opportunities/activities to broaden your resume.

Also, ensure that you take a look at the outstanding ROTC scholarship programs for each branch of the military, as well as other opportunities and avenues available to becoming a uniformed Officer. These are exceptional and very competitive programs as well and provide an excellent path to becoming a military officer if your first attempt to obtain an Academy appointment is not successful.

U.S. Army ROTC

(888) 944-ARMY

www.goarmy.com/rotc/

U.S. Navy ROTC

(800) NAV-ROTC

www.nrotc.navy.mil

U.S. Air Force ROTC

(866) 4-AFROTC

www.afrotc.com

Instructions for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

For your nomination application to be complete, you must send items 1 - 5 to the Dauphin County District Office (address below) **by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Thursday, OCTOBER 1, 2020:**

1. COMPLETE *Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination*: Type your answers clearly on the downloadable application. (NOTE: You won't be able to save your work unless you have Adobe Acrobat.) For the essay questions, please limit your responses to 400 words.

2. PHOTO (2" x 3", wallet-sized, "head-on", and current/within the year)

3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION — Three (3): You may select anyone to write a letter of recommendation/observation. Choosing someone who knows you well and has observed you succeed in a leadership position, classroom setting, character building situation or work environment *is critical*. Don't ask someone based upon title or social status, but who can attest to your character and accomplishments. Attached is a *U.S. Service Academy Recommendation Letter*, of which you can make copies to distribute.

4. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT: this **MUST** be an **OFFICIAL** copy, **not** a photocopy or email attachment. If your school has a different process for "validating" an official copy; i.e., something other than an official watermark or stamp, please let us know ASAP. Your transcript **MUST** show your class rank at the end of your junior year.

5. SAT and/or ACT SCORES: If these aren't included on your official transcript, you **must** include an official copy with your application. If you wish to designate our office to receive your scores directly, please enter the following reporting codes on your test forms:

SAT 2492

ACT 7644

Application Deadline

October 1, 2020

*To be considered for nominations for the class entering in 2021, your completed application must be received by 5:00 p.m., October 1, 2020.
(NO EXCEPTIONS)*

Congressman Scott Perry
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations
800 Corporate Circle, Suite 202
Harrisburg, PA 17110

NOTE. Once you submit your application for Nomination, we'll confirm that for you by sending you an email confirmation, so you know it's in good hands and ready to start the process. Please look for that receipt - it's important. If you submitted your application and don't receive a confirmation email within a day or two, please contact us ASAP (717-603-4980). **WE URGE YOU: DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION** – give yourself a buffer! If after submitting you realize you made a mistake or need to change something, you'll have time to do so; if you submit the night it's due, you have no window of opportunity to fix/adjust something, and your application process **may be adversely affected or stopped altogether.**

INTERVIEW: In mid-October, candidates with fully-completed nomination applications will be scheduled a 30-minute interview with our Academy Nomination Board. **REMEMBER:** *only candidates with completed nomination applications are scheduled for an interview.*

Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Full Legal Name (Last, First, Middle)			
Nickname			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
Email			
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age	Height	Weight

EDUCATION	
List high school / prep school / college you have attended / are attending.	
Currently Attending	
Graduation Date	Telephone Number
Class Rank: _____ of _____ GPA: _____	
High School (if currently attending prep/college)	
Graduation Date	Telephone Number
Class Rank: _____ of _____ GPA: _____	

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS

Provide the highest score you received in each of the individual sections of the tests.
Individual section scores may come from multiple tests.

Highest Individual SAT Scores		
Verbal	Math	Written

Highest ACT Score
Composite

Yes No

 Are you scheduled to retake either the SAT or ACT?

 Do you plan to retake the SAT or ACT?

FAMILY MEMBER MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY

Do you have immediate Family currently serving / previously served in the Armed Forces? If yes, please specify relation & branch of service.

ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Rank Order from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest) your preference of Service Academy (only rank those to which you have applied and seek Appointment). Due to the competitive nature of the nomination process, you may receive a nomination to the Academy of your second, third or fourth choice

- ___ U.S. Military Academy
- ___ U.S. Naval Academy
- ___ U.S. Air Force Academy
- ___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- ___ U.S. Coast Guard Academy*

** The Coast Guard Academy requires no nomination; however, please include in ranking if you're interested in an appointment.*

NOMINATION SOURCES

Please indicate the following additional nomination sources to which you have applied/are applying. You should apply to all sources for which you are eligible.

- ___ President Donald J. Trump*
- ___ Vice President Mike Pence
- ___ Senator Patrick Toomey
- ___ Senator Robert Casey
- ___ JROTC*

**Restrictions. Please visit the Academy's website for information concerning Presidential and JROTC nominations.*

NOMINATION QUESTIONNAIRE

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a Citizen of the United States? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a legal resident of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is one of your parents a legal resident of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you previously applied for a U.S. Service Academy Nomination? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are any of your relatives characterized as Missing in Action (MIA), Prisoner of War (POW) or Killed in Action (KIA)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did someone in your family attend a Service Academy? If so, who/which Academy? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a recruited athlete at a U.S. Service Academy (did you receive an official letter)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you ever been cited, arrested, convicted or fined for any violation of any law/ordinance? If so, please provide details (including date of offense) on a separate sheet of paper. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are/were you a member of ROTC or JROTC? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you attend a summer program at a Service Academy? If so, which one? _____ |

ESSAY QUESTION

Please answer the following in **400 words or less**, using **Arial font size 12** (use separate sheet if necessary).

Why do you wish to attend a U.S. Service Academy?

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & MARCHING BAND

If you were a team captain, indicate number of years (1, 2, etc.); may use separate sheet of paper.

Sport/Band	Participating Years				# of Varsity Letters	Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.			

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

If you were a team captain, indicate number of years (1, 2, etc.); may use separate sheet of paper.

Sport	Participating Years				Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.		

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May use separate sheet of paper.

Employer	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Hours/Week	Responsibilities

CANDIDATE SNAPSHOT

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)

Date: _____

PHOTO

(2" x 3")

Please include this page in your initial application.

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

HEIGHT: _____ ft. _____ in.

WEIGHT: _____ lbs.

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____ out of _____ RANK: _____ of _____ (If Applicable)

SAT: _____ out of 1600	ACT: _____ out of 36
Reading/Writing: _____	English: _____
Math: _____	Math: _____
	Reading: _____
	Science: _____

College/University (If Applicable): _____

GPA: _____ out of _____

Have you applied for a Nomination in the past? If so, with whom? _____

Rank from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest) your preference of Service Academy (only rank those to which you applied).

- _____ US Military Academy
- _____ US Naval Academy
- _____ US Air Force Academy
- _____ US Merchant Marine Academy
- _____ US Coast Guard Academy

U.S. Service Academy Letter of Recommendation

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)

Recommended for a teacher, principal, employer, minister/priest, scout leader or coach.

Name of Applicant (Last First Middle)

The above named person is applying for a nomination from Congressman Scott Perry to one or more of the U.S. Service Academies. As a requirement of the nomination process, s/he has asked you to write a Letter of Recommendation.

The U.S. Service Academies provide a college education leading to a career as an officer in the Armed Forces of the United States. While at an Academy, the applicant will accomplish a highly demanding academic, athletic and military curriculum that provides little opportunity for free time. Cadets and Midshipmen are required to live under an Honor Code that tolerates no lying, cheating or stealing; individuals who violate the Honor Code very often are dismissed. An appointment to a U.S. Service Academy is equivalent to a 4-year scholarship valued at over a half million dollars.

We are looking for candidates of the highest moral character, who have demonstrated strong leadership ability and who readily accept and embrace challenges both academically and physically. As you write your letter, remember the purpose of the Academies is to develop future U.S. Military leaders. We have reviewed the applicant's academic and athletic achievements and are looking for specific examples of leadership and moral character.

Please describe one or two specific examples of the applicant's demonstrated leadership skills or when/how s/he faced a challenging situation that epitomized his/her character. To assist you in identifying examples of leadership and character, some attributes are listed below:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Adaptability
- Teamwork
- Competitive nature
- Initiative
- Respect for authority and difference of opinion
- Sensitivity for others
- Ability to accept criticism

Address the letter to "Congressman Perry"

- Include your name, address and phone number
- State your relationship to the applicant
- State how you know the applicant and for how long

DEADLINE:

October 1, 2020

*Your letter **must be received by**
5:00 p.m. on this date
(no exceptions).*

*Please send to/drop off at:
Congressman Scott Perry
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations
800 Corporate Circle, Suite 202
Harrisburg, PA 17110*

Your recommendation will help us select the best possible candidates from the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Your help is valued and appreciated.

Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)

STOP!

Complete this page with the most current information prior to your scheduled interview. **You must bring it** - with any additional material / supporting documentation - to your interview. Other info/changes not specifically requested below may be annotated on the back of this page.

NAME _____

NOMINATION APPLICATION STATUS

Indicate: **Did Not Apply / Ineligible / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
President Donald J. Trump*	
Vice President Mike Pence	
Senator Pat Toomey	
Senator Bob Casey	
JROTC*	

*Application restrictions apply

ACADEMY APPLICATION STATUS

Indicate: **Not Interested / Not Started / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
U.S. Military Academy	
U.S. Naval Academy	
U.S. Air Force Academy	
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	
U.S. Coast Guard Academy	

ROTC APPLICATION STATUS

Indicate: **Not Interested / Not Started / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
U.S. Army ROTC	
U.S. Naval ROTC (Marine Opt)	
U.S. Naval ROTC	
U.S. Air Force ROTC	

COLLEGE BOARD TEST UPDATE

SAT _____ of 1600

ACT _____ of 36

_____ I'm scheduled to take the SAT/ACT again (circle one)

_____ I'm not taking the SAT/ACT again (circle one)

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